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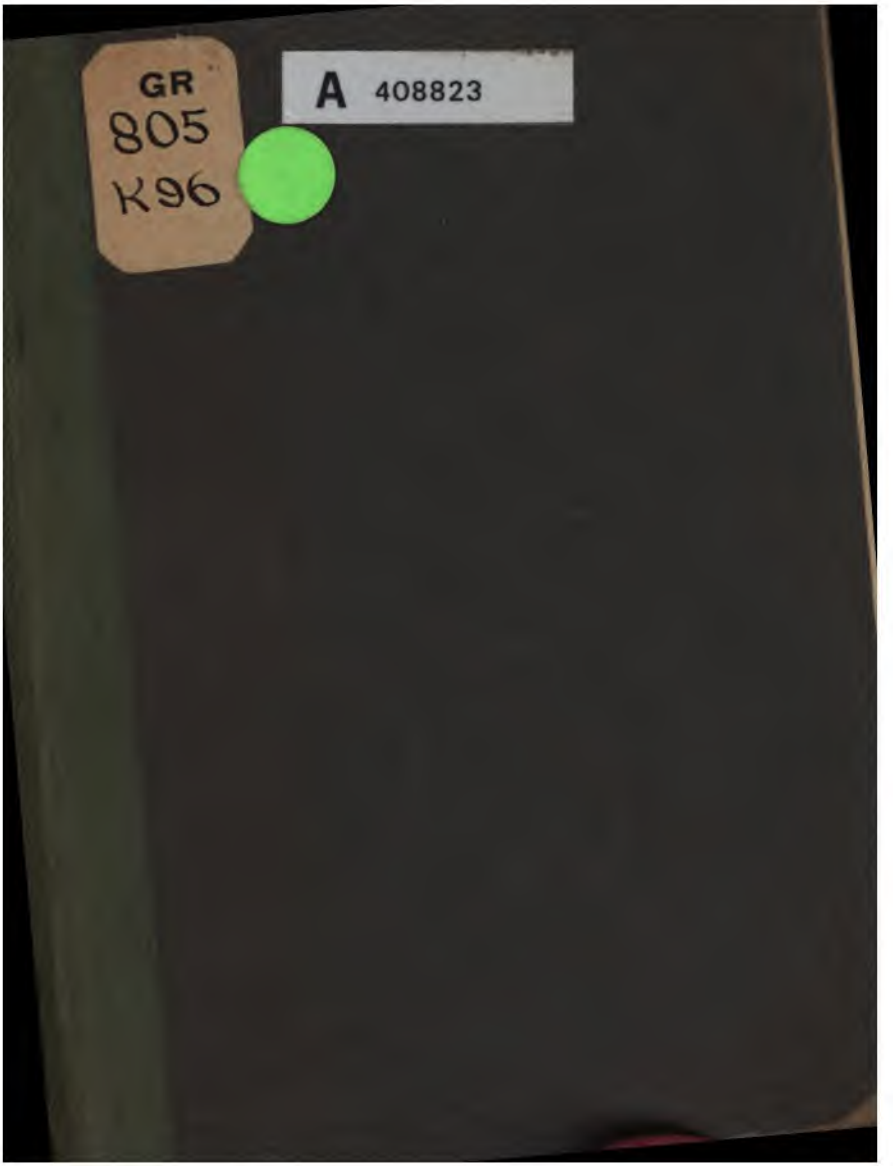
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NATAL STONES.

The Jewish superstitions in regard to gems were probably derived from earlier races and adopted by the Arabian philosophers in their works, by which they became known throughout all Europe. The influence of gems was believed in until early in the 17th century, and in regard to some gems even up to the present century.

The origin of the use of a special gem for each month was probably founded on the original breastplate of the High Priest, which contained twelve gems, one for each of the tribes of Israel. The original breastplate was a span long and a span high: 1 span = 8 inches. The arrangement by months probably came in during the 15th and 16th centuries, although it is attributed to the Jews, Romans, and early Arabians.

AARON'S BREASTPLATE.

3 Emerald	2 Peridot	1 Carnelian
6 Onyx	5 Lapis-lazuli	4 Ruby
9 Quartz	8 Agate	7 Sapphire
12 Jasper	11 Beryl	10 Topaz

The following lists include the more

	Jews.	Romans.	636 A. D. Isidorus, Bishop of Seville.	Arabians.
Jan.	Garnet.	Garnet.	Hyacinth.	Garnet.
Feb.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.
Mar.	Jasper.	Bloodstone.	Jasper.	Bloodstone.
April.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.
May.	Chalcedony, Carnelian or Agate.	Agate.	Agate.	Emerald.
June.	Emerald.	Emerald.	Emerald.	Agate or Chalcedony.
July.	Onyx.	Onyx.	Onyx.	Carnelian.
Aug.	Carnelian.	Carnelian.	Carnelian.	Sardonyx.
Sept.	Chrysolite.	Sardonyx.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite.
Oct.	Aquamarine or Beryl.	Aquamarine or Beryl.	Aquamarine or Beryl.	Aquamarine or Beryl.
Nov.	Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz.
Dec.	Ruby.	Ruby.	Ruby.	Ruby.

important ones that have been used:

Poles.	Russians.	Italians.	18th and 19th Centuries.
Garnet.	Garnet or Hyacinth.	Jacinth or Garnet.	Garnet.
Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst or Pearl.
Bloodstone.	Jasper.	Jasper.	Jasper, Hyacinth or Amethyst.
Diamond.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Sapphire or Diamond.
Emerald.	Emerald.	Agate.	Agate.
Agate or Chalcedony.	Agate or Chalcedony.	Emerald.	Emerald, Cat's-eye, Turquoise.
Ruby.	Ruby and Sardonyx.	Onyx.	Onyx.
Sardonyx.	Alexandrite.	Carnelian.	Sardonyx, Moonstone, Topaz.
Sardonyx.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite or Sapphire and Diamond.
Aquamarine or Beryl.	Beryl.	Beryl.	Opal or Sapphire.
Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz or Pearl.
Turquoise.	Turquoise, Chrysoprase.	Ruby.	Ruby, Bloodstone.

SENTIMENTS OF THE MONTHS.

JANUARY.

The Guardian Angel.....Gabriel.
His Talismanic Gem .....The Onyx.
The Special Apostle .....Simon Peter.
The Zodiacal Sign .....Aquarius.
The Flower.....Snowdrop.

By her who in this month is born,
No gems save garnets should be worn;
They will insure her constancy,
True friendship and fidelity.

Faithful, constant,
True to one,—
Claims the gleaming garnet
As her own.

FEBRUARY.

The Guardian Angel.....Barchiel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Jasper.
The Special Apostle.....Andrew.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Pisces.
The Flower.....Primrose.

The February-born shall find
Sincerity and peace of mind,
Freedom from passion and from care,
If they an amethyst will wear.

Free from passion,
Care and strife,
If an amethyst she cherish
All her life.

MARCH.

The Guardian Angel.....Malchediel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Ruby.
The Special Apostles.....James and John.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Aries.
The Flower.....Ipomæa, Violet.

Who on this world of ours their eyes
In March first open shall be wise,
In days of peril firm and brave,
And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

So strong, and wise, and wilful, firm and brave,
Wears a bloodstone through all danger to her grave.

APRIL.

The Guardian Angel.....Ashmodel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Topaz.
The Special Apostle.....Philip.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Taurus.
The Flower.....Daisy.

She who from April dates her years,
Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears
For vain repentance flow. This stone
Emblem of innocence is known.

Innocent, repentant—
Sun and shower—
Wears a diamond or a sapphire
As her dower.

MAY.

The Guardian Angel.....Amriel.
His Talismanic Gem.....Carbuncle.
The Special Apostle.....Bartholomew.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Gemini.
The Flower.....Hawthorn.

Who first beholds the light of day
In spring's sweet, flowery month of May,
And wears an emerald all her life,
Shall be a loved and happy wife.

The happiest wife and mother in the land
Wears an emerald shining on her hand.

JUNE.

The Guardian Angel.....Muriel.
His Talismanic Gem.....An Emerald.
The Special Apostle.....Thomas.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Cancer.
The Flower.....Honeysuckle.

Who comes with summer to this earth,
And owes to June her hour of birth,
With ring of agate on her hand
Can health, wealth and long life command.

June, with health and wealth and many happy years,
Wears an agate lest her sunshine turn to tears.

JULY.

The Guardian Angel.....Verchiel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Sapphire.
The Special Apostle.....Matthew.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Leo.
The Flower.....Water-lily.

The glowing ruby shall adorn
Those who in July are born;
Then they 'll be exempt and free
From love's doubts and anxiety.

Loving, doubting, only finds her rest
With a ruby glowing on her breast.

AUGUST.

The Guardian Angel.....Hamatiel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Diamond.
The Special Apostle.....James, the son of Alpheus.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Virgo.
The Flower.....Poppy.

Wear a sardonyx, or for thee
No conjugal felicity;
The August-born without this stone,
'T is said, must live unloved and lone.

Loving once and always, wears, if wise,
Sardonyx, and her home becomes a paradise.

SEPTEMBER.

The Guardian Angel.....Tsuriel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Jacinth.
The Special Apostle.....Lebbeus Thaddeus.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Libra.
The Flower.....Morning-glory.

A maiden born when September leaves
Are rustling in September's breeze,
A sapphire on her brow should bind—
'T will cure diseases of the mind.

Chrysolite on sweet September's brow we bind,
Lest some folly or enchantment cloud her mind.

OCTOBER.

The Guardian Angel.....Bariel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Agate.
The Special Apostle.....Simon. (Zelotes.)
The Zodiacal Sign.....Scorpio.
The Flower.....Hops.

October's child is born for woe,
And life's vicissitudes must know;
But lay an opal on her breast,
And Hope will lull those woes to rest.

Fair October wears the opal's frost and fire,
Hope and courage in misfortune to inspire.

NOVEMBER.

The Guardian Angel.....Adnachiel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Amethyst.
The Special Apostle.....Matthias.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Sagittarius.
The Flower.....Chrysanthemum.

Who first comes to this world below
With drear November's fog and snow,
Should prize the topaz's amber hue—
Emblem of friends and lovers true.

Firm in friendship is November, and she bears
Loyal love beneath the topaz that she wears.

DECEMBER.

The Guardian Angel.....Humiel.
His Talismanic Gem.....The Beryl.
The Special Apostle.....Paul.
The Zodiacal Sign.....Capricornus.
The Flower.....Holly.

If cold December gave you birth,—
The month of snow and ice and mirth,—
Place on your hand a turquoise blue:
Success will bless whate'er you do.

Friends and lovers for December, Fortune, fame,
If an amulet of turquoise bear her name.

MOTTOES FORMED WITH STONES.

In France and England, during the 18th century, rings, bracelets, brooches, etc., were often set with gems the first letters of which, combined, formed a motto or expressed a sentiment. The following is a list of those that may be used in this way. The gems in the first column are the more expensive ones, those in the second column the inexpensive ones.

G	Golden beryl.	Garnet.
O	Opal.	Onyx.
O	Olivine.	Obsidian.
D	Diamond.	Dendrite.
L	Lapis-lazuli.	Labradorite.
U	Uralian emerald.	Unio pearl.
C	Cat's-eye.	Carnelian.
K	Kyanite.	Krokydolite.
F	Fire-opal.	Flint.
A	Alexandrite.	Amethyst.
I	Iolite.	Idocrase.
T	Tourmaline.	Topaz.
H	Hyacinth.	Heliotrope.

H	Hyacinth.	Hematite.
O	Opal.	Olivine.
P	Pearl.	Pyrope.
E	Emerald.	Essonite.

C	Cat's-eye.	Carbuncle.
H	Hyacinth.	Hematite.
A	Aquamarine.	Amethyst.
R	Ruby.	Rose quartz.
I	Iolite.	Idocrase.
T	Tourmaline.	Topaz.
Y	Yellow sapphire.	Yu.

F	Fire-opal.	Flèches d'amour.
O	Opal.	Onyx.
R	Ruby.	Rutile.
E	Emerald.	Essonite.
V	Vermeille.	Verd antique.
E	Essonite.	Epidote.
R	Rubellite.	Rose quartz.

R	Ruby.	Rubellite.
E	Emerald.	Essonite.
G	Garnet.	Garnet.
A	Alexandrite.	Amethyst.
R	Ruby.	Rock-crystal.
D	Diamond.	Demantoid.

D	Diamond.	Demantoid.
E	Emerald.	Essonite.
A	Alexandrite.	Amethyst.
R	Ruby.	Rubellite.
E	Emerald.	Epidote.
S	Sapphire.	Spinel.
T	Turquoise.	Topaz.